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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST MEETING (for the season), December 2d, 1858. The President in the chair.

The annual report of the Council, and also that of the Recording Secretary, were read and accepted.

The Librarian made the following report :

SOCIETY'S ROOMS,
New York, December 2, 1858. }

To the American Geographical and Statistical Society—

The Librarian would respectfully report :

That subsequent to his last report, submitted on the 4th November, 1858, five donations have been received, amounting to 30 volumes in octavo, and 4 pamphlets, in octavo, for which the thanks of the Society will be conveyed to the respective donors through the Librarian and Foreign Corresponding Secretary.

The Librarian would also respectfully call the attention of the Society to the gratifying fact, that during the past year, three hundred and ninety-nine donations have been made to the Library of the Society, comprising in the aggregate :

34 Maps,	217 Quarto Volumes,
143 Charts,	656 Octavo “
13 Folio Volumes,	81 Quarto Pamphlets,
	331 Octavo Pamphlets.

As it would be impossible at this time to enumerate all the donors who have been so liberal toward the establishment of a Geo-

graphical and Statistical Library, I beg leave to state, that the next number of the Society's Bulletin will contain, not only a complete catalogue of all the existing publications and maps, but also a list of all the donors.

Respectfully submitted.

MARSHALL LEFFERTS,
Librarian.

The Treasurer presented his annual report of the receipts and expenditures for the past year, which was accepted, and referred to a committee for auditing.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were chosen, viz. :

PRESIDENT :

FRANCIS L. HAWKS, D. D., LL. D.

Vice-Presidents :

HENRY GRINNELL, Esq.,
ARCHIBALD RUSSELL, Esq.,
JOS. P. THOMPSON, D. D.

Foreign Corresponding Secretary—JOHN JAY.

Domestic Corresponding Secretary—MARSHALL LEFFERTS.

Recording Secretary—JAMES W. BEEKMAN.

Treasurer—F. A. CONKLING.

Librarian—EGBERT L. VIELE.

Council—Henry E. Pierrepont, Henry V. Poor, Hiram Barney, George Folsom, Charles P. Daly, Frederick Prime, Daniel P. Noyes, Joseph B. Varnum, Jr., Robert B. Minturn, Jr.

The Hon. Isaac I. Stevens, M. C. from Washington Territory, read a paper before the Society on the "*Northwestern Territories*." A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Stevens, and a copy of the paper requested for the Archives of the Society.

Adjourned.

SECOND MEETING, Dec. 16, 1858. The President in the chair.

I. I. Hayes, M. D., of Philadelphia, (late Surgeon to the Second Grinnell Arctic Expedition,) read a paper on the "*Polar Discoveries of Dr. Kane, and a plan for further research.*" On motion of Mr. Viele, seconded by Mr. Henry Grinnell, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the American Geographical and Statistical Society cordially approve of, and endorse the plan of Dr. Hayes for a continuation of the explorations and surveys of the Polar Seas, deeming it due alike to the cause of science and to our national character, that the discoveries of the Grinnell Expedition reported by Dr. Kane should not be disputed or ignored, without an effort being made to confirm the results achieved by our gallant countrymen.

Resolved, That a committee of five members of the Society be appointed to co-operate with Dr. Hayes in the organization of the expedition proposed by him; which committee shall report, from time to time, the progress of the organization, and shall give due notice of the time fixed for the departure of the expedition.

A vote of thanks was tendered to D. Hayes, and a copy of his paper requested for the Archives of the Society.

Adjourned.

THIRD MEETING, Jan. 6, 1859. The President in the chair.

The following letter was read from Mr. Conkling, resigning his office as Treasurer of the Society:

ROOMS OF THE AM. GEO. AND STAT. SOC., }
Thursday, December 23, 1858. }

To Francis L. Hawks, D. D., LL. D., President of the Am. Geo. and Stat. Soc.—

SIR,—The discharge of a public duty will re-

quire my absence from this city for some months to come, and I accordingly resign the office of Treasurer of the Society. In doing so I venture to entertain the hope, that at some future day I may be permitted to contribute my humble efforts in support of a Society, the success and prosperity of which I have for years had greatly at heart.

I have the honor to remain,

Faithfully yours,

F. A. CONKLING.

Mr. Conkling's resignation was accepted, and Frank Moore, Esq., elected to fill the vacancy thereby created.

John Rae, M. D., of Montreal, and I. I. Hayes, M. D., of Philadelphia, were elected corresponding members of the Society.

Wm. Aymar, Jacob Harsen, James C. Mallory, George W. Hatch, Esqs., and Rev. Wm. Rudder, Rev. Dr. W. E. Figenbrodt, and William Loyd, were elected resident members.

In accordance with the resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the Society, the President appointed Mr. Viele, Mr. Grinnell, Mr. Belmont, Mr. Lefferts, and Mr. Pierrepont, a special committee, to co-operate with Dr. Hayes in his plan for further research into the Arctic Regions.

The Rev. Dr. Adamson gave notice that he should introduce at the next regular meeting of the Society the following resolutions:

1. That the Corresponding Secretaries of such American Missionary Associations, as have Missionaries resident in foreign countries, or among the Indian tribes of the United States, be *ex-officio* members of the Society.

2. That a special committee be appointed, to organize and conduct a systematic correspondence with Missionaries resident in foreign countries, or among the Indian tribes of the United States.

Dr. Abraham Gesner, of Brooklyn, read a paper on the "*Fisheries of North America*." A vote of thanks was tendered, and a copy of the paper requested for the Archives of the Society.

Adjourned.